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MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2002 AT 2:00 PM
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COUNCIL

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128
18th FLOOR, ROOM 2 (18-2)

AGENDA

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- MAY 13, 2002

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B. VPSI CONTRACT

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND VPSI, INC FOR THE OPERATION OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL PROGRAM (*MPO SECRETARIAT*)

C. GENERAL PLANNING CONSULTANT CONTRACT AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MPO GENERAL PLANNING CONSULTANT CONTRACT MODIFYING ITS DURATION AND ALLOCATION (*MPO SECRETARIAT*)

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. WELFARE TO WORK TRANSPORTATION STUDY

B. BICYCLE PARKING PLAN FOR MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT

C. MPO TRANSPORTATION DATABASE PROJECT

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COUNCIL
(TPC)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA**

**MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2002
2:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 18-2**

SUMMARY MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Mr. Jose-Luis Mesa, TPC Chairperson. The following members were present:

1. Jose-Luis Mesa, MPO Secretariat, TPC Chairperson
2. Alex David, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS)
3. Bruce Offord, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
4. Clark P. Turner, City of Miami
5. Lee Rawlinson, Department of Planning & Zoning (DPZ)
6. Irma San Roman, MPO Secretariat (Non-Voting)
7. Carl Fielland, Miami-Dade County Seaport
8. Douglas Yoder, Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM)
9. Servando Parapar, Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX)
10. Joseph W. Johnson III, City of Miami Beach
11. Michael Williams, Tri-Rail
12. Christina Miskis, South Florida Regional Planning Council (Non-Voting)

The sign-in sheets listing staff and other visitors present at the meeting are available on file at the MPO Secretariat. A recorded tape of the meeting is also available at the MPO Secretariat Office.

Mr. Mesa introduced Ms. Christina Miskis to the TPC as a non-voting member representing the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC).

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Mesa asked if there were any additions, deletions or modifications to the agenda. Ms. San Roman stated that item V.D I-395 Study Update will be added as information only. Ms. San Roman further informed the Board that the Project Managers for items IV.A (Interlocal Agreement for the 79th Street Project) and V.A (Welfare to Work Transportation Study) respectfully request that the Council defer these items until next TPC meeting.

Mr. Parapar moved for approval of the agenda as amended. Mr. Rawlinson seconded the motion. The agenda as amended was approved unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Williams moved for approval of the minutes of the May 13, 2002 meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. CTAC UPDATE

Mr. Mike Hatcher, CTAC, informed the Council that CTAC participated in various transportation meetings, summits and hosting of a special transportation-funding workshop regarding a dedicated source of funding for transportation. He further informed that CTAC concluded that there were too many confusing elements and legislative approvals required for the “user fee” option. He further stated that CTAC passed a resolution recommending to the Board to support a halfpenny sales tax, which CTAC will present at the MPO Board meeting. He also stated that CTAC endorsed a Citizens Independent Trust (CIT) to oversee new transportation dollars. He further clarified that CTAC recommended the establishment of the CIT but expressed concerns with the current set-up of the Committee. He also informed the Council that CTAC recommended the MPO Governing Board adopt and participate in a “Mass Transit Day” for their Board and the Mayor to use public transportation to work and conduct their daily business. He concluded by informing the Council that CTAC hosted a tour of Krome Avenue for their members and that CTAC passed a resolution reaffirming CTAC resolution 5-02. He further concluded by stating that CTAC passed a resolution recommending that the MPO Governing Board request that the Miami-Dade Delegation request the Florida Legislature to allow a one year pilot program to provide cameras to identify vehicles running red traffic signals.

IV. ACTION ITEM

A. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

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*The Council, at the request of the Project Manager, agreed to **defer** this item until next month meeting.*

B. VPSI CONTRACT

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING

ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND VPSI, INC FOR THE OPERATION OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL PROGRAM (MPO SECRETARIAT)

Mrs. San Roman informed the Council this is a contract agreement with VPSI to provide vehicles, maintenance, insurance and management services for the South Florida Vanpool Program (SFVP). She also stated that the memorandum should be amended to reflect the renegotiated price of \$777,791. She further concluded by informing the Council that Mr. Ed Carson, FDOT Project Manager, and Mr. Al Tisnes, VPSI Project Manager, are both here to answer any questions the Council may have.

Mr. Parapar requested clarity on the goals for this year growth rate of vans. Mr. Mesa stated that the goal is usually 15% growth of the previous year.

Mr. Yoder requested clarity on saving analysis of cost per passenger/per mile as it compares to single occupant trips or other mode of transportation. Mr. Carson responded that Mr. Jesus Guerra, MPO Project Manager, would have information on this specific analysis. He further stated that on average the savings are \$620 and over 419,000 passenger miles per van per month.

Mr. Parapar moved for the approval of the resolution and Mr. Turner seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

C. GENERAL PLANNING CONSULTANT CONTRACT AMENDMENT

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Ms. San Roman introduced the item.

Mr. Mesa requested clarity on the fiscal year for the funds. Ms. San Roman responded that it was for fiscal year 2002-2003.

Mr. Parapar requested clarity on the original contract length. Ms. San Roman stated that the original contract was for two years and this was an extension for six months.

After much discussion, Mr. Turner moved for the approval of the resolution and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

V. INFORMATION ITEM

A. WELFARE TO WORK TRANSPORTATION STUDY

This item was deferred until next Council meeting.

B. BICYCLE PARKING PLAN FOR MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT

Ms. San Roman introduced Mr. Chris Hagelin of the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) of the University of South Florida.

Mr. Hagelin informed the Council that the purpose of the Bicycle Parking Plan for Miami-Dade was to develop recommendations for new and improved bicycle parking facilities at Metrorail stations, park-and-ride lots and other transit hubs. He further informed the Council that the research for the project was divided into several tasks. The first task was to conduct a review of five communities/transit agencies that have currently developed bicycle parking plans and/or integrated bicycles with transit using innovative methods. The second task focused on an assessment of current conditions at all Metrorail and selected Metrobus hubs, and the creation of a digital photo log of the bicycle parking facilities already in place. He also stated a survey of bicyclists that used Miami-Dade Metrorail and Metrobus and their perceptions of current conditions and improvements needed were developed. He concluded with a brief Power Point presentation to the Council. *(A copy of this presentation is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Mr. Yoder requested clarity on the purpose of having bike lockers at stations. Mr. Hagelin responded that some cyclist commuters invest a great amount in their bikes, which may have additional accessories that could easily be stolen off the bike. He further stated that the bike lockers would offer secure storage for cyclist commuters' accessories and valuables. He concluded by stating that having quality lockers would increase the number of interested cyclist who rent lockers.

Mr. Mesa requested clarity on what was causing the damage to the lockers. Mr. Hagelin responded that most of the current lockers are located out in the open and therefore subject to weather damage. He further stated that some lockers are pried open or are being occupied by the homeless who use them for shelter.

C. MPO TRANSPORTATION DATABASE PROJECT

Ms. San Roman introduced Mr. Ramon Alvarez, David Plummer Associates, and Mr. Bernard Spinrad, IDAS, who presented the Council with a brief presentation.

Mr. Alvarez informed the Council that the objective of this project was to develop and implement a flexible, expandable, computer-based electronic database. He further stated that the database is currently at the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and it holds transportation-related information that allows statistical, temporal, and geographic analysis. He further explained that these data were assembled into a product called the Transportation Data Management System (TDMS). He also explained that the system was capable of generating reports in tabular, chart, and/or map formats. He concluded his presentation with a brief Power Point demonstration of the TDMS system.

Mr. Rawlinson requested clarity on how this system would be updated. Mr. Alvarez responded that the updating could be done monthly, annually, or whenever the MPO decide. He further clarified that the system was design with softwares that are “off the shelf” and do not require custom programming. The information would have to be obtained from the various agencies.

D. I-395 STUDY UPDATE

Mr. Mesa introduce Jorge Espinel, who provided the Council with a brief update of the I-95 Study.

Mr. Espinel provided the Council with a brief Power Point presentation that portrayed alternatives for the I-395 underpass option. *(An audio copy of this presentation is available at the MPO Secretariat)*

V. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.